



Proclamation

WHEREAS, last year 145 people lost their lives to traffic crashes in Polk County, and these tragedies continue to have heartbreaking and long-lasting effects on families, friends and our community; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization has established a target of zero traffic-related fatalities because even one fatality is one too many for a loved one's family; and

WHEREAS, speed has been identified as a major factor contributing to traffic fatalities, and the chances of death or serious injury doubles each time a vehicle traveling 50 miles per hour increases its speed by 10 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians and bicyclists, including school-aged children, are among our most vulnerable road users, and a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 30 miles per hour has an 80 percent chance of survival, while the same pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 50 miles per hour only has a 20 percent chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, a driver's awareness of their surroundings decreases as speed increases, and a driver needs time to see and stop for bicyclists, walkers and other vehicles; and

WHEREAS, patience is a virtue and taking a few more moments to get to a destination is better than not getting there at all; and

WHEREAS, every driver, passenger, pedestrian and bicyclist is someone's loved one and everyone wants to come home safely.

JUNE 2017 is hereby proclaimed

"Pledge to Slow Down Month"

ATTEST:

Patricia R. Jackson, City Clerk

Joe LaCascia, Mayor

